

# The Sun

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## City annexes land so developer can build 76 single-family homes

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Seventy-six new homes may go up in Belle Glade in the future if plans work out for James T. and Wynne Houston.

The couple plans to build the single-family homes on nineteen acres adjacent to Glades Diamond housing development and near Glades Central Community High.

Belle Glade City Commissioners voted Monday night to annex the property into the city limits and allow the residential housing to be built.

Mayor D. Bill Mathis did express concern about an access road that is currently owned by the Palm Beach County School Board and a private individual. Mr. Houston would have to acquire this road right-of-way to allow access to the homes. The mayor said he was concerned about traffic on Avenue J and leading onto South Main Street. Glades Diamond is a housing development for elderly and handicapped people.

Mr. Houston, who owns "Dunkin' Donuts" in Belle Glade,

said he plans to develop the parcels in two phases, developing nine acres in the first phase.

Commissioners also agreed to a zoning change request by three family members who own property on Linda Road. The property is owned by Rodney H. Connell, Kent C. Connell and Rodney C. Connell.

Rodney "Clay" Connell is also a city commissioner and abstained from voting on the issue.

The property, which was zoned agricultural, was changed to R-2 and will allow their company, R.K.C. Inc. to build single family or multi-family dwellings.

There were several objections to the zoning change by homeowners on Linda Road. Franklin Shuttles said he opposed the change because he did not want to see more duplexes built in the neighborhood. He said several of the duplexes already on Linda Road are not well-maintained and the streets are already sub-standard. "The neighborhood is going downhill. I plead with the commission not to approve this," he said.

Another Linda Road resident, Bill Anderson, showed the commission pictures of the neighborhood and said large dumpsters are the first thing you see when entering the street. He also noted Linda Road is not a through street and traffic goes through the residential neighborhood and back onto Wedgworth Road.

Commissioners agreed that most of the property adjacent to the property owned by R.K.C. Inc. was residential and property owners did have a right to develop the land.

"There's not a fair answer," said Commissioner Weeks. "I don't know how to satisfy both sides. Somebody's going to go home mad."

The commission voted 4-1 to allow the zoning change with only Commissioner Weeks voting against the proposal.

In other business, the mayor presented a proclamation declaring special recognition to Donnie Scraggs, a student at Glades Day School, for winning the 1998-1999 Class 4A 171 Pound State Wrestling Championship.

## The history of the S. Fla. restoration effort

Fourth in a series  
By TWILA VALENTINE

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force was formalized and was legislated in the 1996 Water Resources Development Act. In this current form, it serves as a clearing house, referee, and coordinating entity.

At the present time, the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force is overseeing the work of the Ever-

glades Forever Act, the Kissimmee River Restoration Project, the Central & South Florida Restudy, and other efforts that are underway by federal, state, and academic entities.

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainability project consists of nearly 200 environmental restoration, growth management, agricultural, and urban revitalization projects, programs, and initiatives that are designed to make

South Florida more sustainable in the future.

In this fourth part of a series, we try to answer the question of how did we get to this point, as viewed in a recent publication from the Task Force.

The Everglades, the River of Grass, is a part of the natural part of the South Florida ecosystem, but it is not all of it. The system extends from the Chain of Lakes south of Orlan-

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Several young men from the Palm Beach County Eagle Academy helped clean up several old tires, air conditioners, and even old water heaters.

## Black Gold Jubilee's "Spirit of the Glades" kicks off April 17 with four big events

The theme for this year's Black Gold Jubilee is "Spirit of the Glades" and events for the annual end-of-harvest celebration kick off next weekend with four popular events - the Children's Fishing Contest at 9 a.m. at the Belle Glade Marina, the Harvest Queen Contest at 7:30 p.m.; the Black Gold Night Golf Tournament after dark and the Jubilee dance at 10 p.m.

Several hundred children and their parents are expected to converge on the Belle Glade Marina to participate in the Children's Fishing Contest. The event is spearheaded by the City of Belle Glade Fire Department and is open to children up to age 15. Entry forms are available at the Belle Glade City Hall and at the Chamber of Commerce.

Fourteen Glades beauties will vie for the title of "1999 Harvest Queen" during the pageant, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Sponsored each year by the Belle Glade Lions Club

and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, the event is usually sold out. Tickets are available at NationsBank (formerly Barnett Bank) on South Main Street.

The ever-popular Night Golf Tournament will begin at dusk at the Belle Glade Marina. There is a 15 team limit and spots sell out quickly, so call Mike Underwood at 996-6605 to reserve a spot.

The Jubilee Dance will begin at 10 p.m. at the Drawbridge Cafe and tickets are \$10.

The main Jubilee weekend is April 24 and events start with a 5K Walk/Run at the Belle Glade Golf Course and continue with a parade down Main Street at 10 a.m.

For details on any of the events or to reserve a booth at the Jubilee call Jubilee Chair Dianne Carter at 996-0100. More information on the Jubilee entertainment, fireworks, arts and crafts and children's events will be in next week's edition of The Sun.

## Robbers attack two Pahokee residents at marina campground

Two Pahokee residents were seriously injured around 12:30 a.m. Saturday when they were attacked by as many as three masked robbers at their motor home at the Pahokee Marina and Campground.

Pahokee police say Kathy Boswell was in stable condition at St. Mary's Medical Center after being flown to the hospital after the attack.

Her boyfriend, Timmy Housch, owner of the Florida Bar Lounge and package store in Pahokee, had arrived home and was entering the camper preparing to take his

dog for a walk when he was attacked by the suspects.

After hearing Mr. Housch the men entered the motor home and attacked Ms. Boswell. Mr. Housch required 16 stitches to close his wound. The men, wearing dark clothing and ski masks, took an undisclosed amount of money from Mr. Housch's wallet.

According to police the men hit the two with a club or bat and put a gun to Ms. Boswell's head and threatened to kill her.

At press time the police have no suspects in the attack and have asked that anyone having any in-

formation about the crime to contact the department.

Mr. Housch had been living at the campground during the last six months, and was in the process of moving into the city.

According to several residents many of the campers left the campground after the attack.

The campground is regularly patrolled by the Pahokee Police Department, but during a recent commission meeting some campers said they would like to see the officers more often and complained of several items being stolen from their camp site.

## Singletary and Crawford unopposed for commission

By Debra Miller  
Staff Reporter

Commissioners Roy Singletary and Henry Crawford will hold on to their commission seats for another two years according to the residents of Pahokee.

The two commissioners were unopposed for their commission seats as of 5 p.m. on Friday, April 2, the deadline for qualifying for the posi-

tions.

Mr. Singletary will serve his seventh term on the commission and is presently the vice-mayor for the city. He is employed at the Pahokee Youth Development Center and owns Roy's TV Service.

Mr. Crawford will serve his first two year term after having served a one year term. He was

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Glades ARC clients and staff sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt at Pioneer Park last Thursday for children in the Wee Care Child Development Program. The children had a good time hunting for several hundred eggs. They were treated to a cookout following the event.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

gle at 9 a.m. on May 1 with registration at 8 a.m. The tournament will be held at the Belle Glade Golf Course and the cost of \$10 for members and \$40 for non-

A portion of the golf course, called "Misty's Mist," is named in honor of Misty, who was instrumental in securing the county grant funding to develop the golf course.

The tournament will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Belle Glade Golf Course and will feature 1/2 a basketball game and all the fun of the 97.

The ticket information on the golf tournament is: \$10 for members and \$40 for non-

996-7270.  
**Harvest Queen tickets now available**  
Tickets for the 1999 Harvest Queen Pageant are on sale at NationsBank (formerly Barnett Bank). The cost is \$10 each.

The pageant will be held April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

**African-American legends to visit Glades Central High**  
The Legends of the South, a group of African-American legends and heroes, will

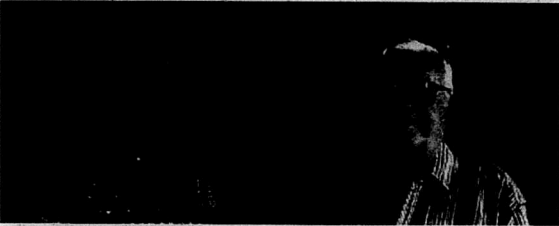
visit from the 556th Parachute Infantry, will be at Glades Central Community High School April 14. Sponsored by the Pleasant City Family Foundation, the group will perform at the Living Legends of the South at the Glades Central during their life experience.

They will be followed by a special evening assembly for students. The assembly will be held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Glades Central will also host a book reception in the Main Gym for community leaders to visit the Legends of the South.

**Workshop on parking ordinance in April 19**  
A workshop to discuss ordinance modification or other changes to the parking ordinance will be held Thursday April 15 at Belle Glade City Hall at 10 a.m.

The workshop is open to the public. Anyone with questions should call the city at 996-0100.



Belle Glade Rotary Club member Curtis Thompson (left) welcomes new member George Phillips at a recent meeting.

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Before the interference of man, the water throughout the system flowed freely over low-lying lands and into coastal estuaries. This area covered approximately 11,000 square miles. It created ponds, sloughs, sawgrass marshes, hardwood hammocks and forested uplands.

Around the estuaries, freshwater mingled with salt to create habitats supporting mangroves and nurseries for wading birds and fish. Near-shore islands and coral reefs provided shelter for an array of terrestrial and marine life.

Over thousands of years these relationships evolved into a finely balanced system that formed the biological infrastructure for the southern half of the state.

The system has three major characteristics. It is very flat. In the 100 miles between Lake Okechobee's southern shore and Florida Bay there is less than a 20-foot drop in elevation.

Second, the system extends over an enormous area and contains varied flora, fauna, and physical landscapes.

Third, it is a water-dominated, rain-driven system characterized by dynamic water storage and the shallow sheetflow of water.

The factors combined to create an environment containing

some of the greatest biodiversity found on earth. Wetlands, estuaries, and shoals exist elsewhere. But nowhere in the world do they combine in the unique way that is found in South Florida.

The natural assets of the region have historically attracted newcomers. Warm weather and sandy beaches attract tourists. Fertile soils in the Everglades, once drained, made vast areas available for food production.

Trains, and later cars and aircraft, made the region more accessible to visitors. Air conditioning made South Florida more habitable for full-time residents.

Seaports and sparkling water added another dimension. The area attracted money, as well as people, giving rise to other growth industries, and to a high quality of life. For much of the 20th century, Fort Myers, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Palm Beach were the places to be.

In the last year of this century, population in South Florida, on the east coast alone, is almost 5 million. During the first 50 years of the new century, that population is expected to reach 12 million.

Urban areas located along the coastlines of the state now support a staggering array of human sights, sounds, cultures, and economies. Development and growth have transformed large tracts of wetlands, native rangelands, and

upland habitat into cropland and housing developments. Urban centers support national and international commerce and related industries, such as tourism and fishing.

Dramatic increases in population have greatly strained the natural system. Half of the original wetlands are gone due to drainage and many of the natural habitats are significantly altered and disconnected from each other by canals, roads and other man-made features.

Urban stormwater and past agricultural practices have polluted Lake Okechobee, the report states, and disrupted the balance of nutrients in wetland areas to the south. Each year, two million acre-feet of water are being lost from the natural system through direct discharge of agricultural and urban stormwater into estuaries and from unnatural seepage. Areas that historically supported numerous tropical and neotropical plants and animals are now dominated by invasive, exotic species.

Urban and suburban areas in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, as well as the rapidly growing west coast communities, face equally severe problems. Crime, social and ethnic tension, under employment, environmentally contaminated sites and recurring water shortages have put the enviable quality of life in South Florida at risk.

## Some names are best forgotten

By Mike Lyons

When my father retired from work he received a fine gold watch from the company. That watch was a thank you gift for 35 years of service. It is a tradition that many companies continue today.

When an athlete ends an outstanding career, his or her number is often retired. It too is a tradition, telling the world that this athlete was very special and that no one will ever wear that number again.

Like a baseball or football players number, some hurricanes get their names retired, too. Truly unforgettable storms have their names removed from the rotating lists.

That means we won't have to worry about Hurricanes Andrew or Hurricane Opal striking Florida again. These names are retired because research of these extraordinary storms of ten continues for years, and it can be confusing if several major storms with the same name are being studied simultaneously.

Since the National Hurricane Center began naming hurricanes in the early 1950's, several dozen of the most infamous storms have had their names retired. It's a who's who of weather history, hurricanes we all know by their first names.

Names like Betsy, Camille, David, Donna, Frederic and Gilbert. Now the World Meteorological Council has added two new names to the list: Georges and Mitch.

Removing Georges and Mitch



Mike Lyons

from the rotating list was really a no-brainer. Here were two of the most devastating storms in recent history, storms that residents of Central America and Florida will never forget.

Georges formed in the far eastern Atlantic on September 15, 1998. Less than two days later, Georges had grown into a category four hurricane packing winds of 155 mph.

The storm seemed to go out of its way to strike every land mass possible, beginning with Antigua in the Leeward Islands on the 20th. After moving near or over other islands of the northeastern Caribbean, Georges struck Puerto Rico on September 21 with winds of 115 mph.

Georges weakened very little while over Puerto Rico and was even stronger when it made landfall in the Dominican Republic with winds of 120 mph. Next came the northern coast of Cuba, then Georges turned north and headed for the Florida Keys.

Around midday on September 25, Georges made landfall near Key West with winds of 105 mph. Over the next couple of days, Georges wandered through the eastern Gulf of Mexico before hitting Biloxi, Mississippi.

Georges killed over 600 people in the Caribbean and caused over \$5.91 billion in damage.

Hurricane Mitch formed in the southwest Caribbean Sea on October 21. By the 25th, Mitch had grown into a category 5 hurricane and maintained that intensity for an amazing 33 consecutive hours. Of the five most intense Atlantic hurricanes on record, Mitch stands alone as having been a category 5 the longest.

By the time the storm made landfall in Honduras four days later, its winds had weakened to 100 mph. Still, Mitch was a formidable storm, producing torrential rains over Honduras and Nicaragua.

The flooding and mud slides were devastating, killing an estimated 9,000 people. That made Mitch one of the deadliest tropical cyclones in history, ranking below only the 1780 "Great Hurricane" in the Lesser Antilles.

It is easy to see why the names Georges and Mitch were removed from the rotating lists. Yet, for residents from the Caribbean to Mississippi, removing the memories from last year's two major storms will be most difficult.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV

## Pahokee Commission...from page 1

elected to replace John Norman, who resigned to run for the position of mayor for the city.

The present commission consists of Mayor Alvis Davis, vice-mayor Roy Singletary, Commissioner Henry Crawford, Commissioner Pete Moore and Commissioner Keith W. Babb Jr.

Commissioners are paid \$4,800 per year. Presently there are 2,321 registered voters in the city.

Ken Schenck is the present city manager, Debra Palmer is city clerk and Carmen Salvatore is the Chief of Police for the City of Pahokee.

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The Julian Branch Festival of Lights is a project of Pahokee Main Street  
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# ER Chronicles: The right spot for an appendix



By Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

that were due on the desk of his boss by noon, but that pang inside his belly was getting worse. He felt a little cold.

"Hey Roger, you look a bit pale. What's up?" His secretary's comment convinced Roger that this was all quite real. There really was something wrong.

"To be honest, I feel pretty lousy. I think I'm gonna go home for a while."

By the time he walked through his front door, Roger's pain had escalated even more. It seemed to be settling low in his abdomen.

"Honey, I think I better go..." Roger stopped in mid-sentence, wondering if it was really necessary to continue this thought, but another twinge of pain pushed him to finally commit.

"I better go get this checked out."

The Oceanview Hospital ER was overflowing when Roger was ushered toward the triage desk. After assessment by the nurse, it was another 45 minutes before Roger was placed onto a stretcher in the hallway. All of the regular ER beds were full.

Dr. Tammy Cortez was the emergency physician on duty this afternoon, and she

approached Roger's bed quickly. She seemed to be somewhat harried.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez. Tell me about your pain."

As Roger began providing details of the past 24 hours, Cortez fired a few pointed questions.

"Have you noticed any fever? Has there been any vomiting or diarrhea? How about any bladder symptoms? Did you eat anything today? Just where do you feel this pain?"

As Roger responded to each inquiry, Cortez began probing his abdomen.

"Is it sore here?" she asked as she pushed a little harder on the right side of Roger's belly.

"Oh!" Roger grunted. "I guess it is."

When she had concluded her examination, Cortez spoke again.

"Roger, there are many causes for abdominal pain. I'm concerned about the possibility of an appendix problem, so we'll need to do several tests to try to sort this out."

"OK, doc."

Roger allowed his head to rest back onto the stretcher. Within a few minutes, an ER technician drew blood from Roger's arm and provided a bottle for a urine specimen.

"We'll be doing a few tests on these, then maybe we'll know what your problem is."

For another 30 minutes, Roger tried to lie quietly on the stretcher; his belly was even more uncomfortable when he moved around.

By now, Roger's wife stood at the side of his bed. She couldn't help but notice the hustle and hubbub all around them. Twice she heard sirens outside. Two nurses and a police officer ran past her and disappeared down the hall. There were moans and cursing sounds coming from around the corner. She hoped that somehow, in the middle of all of this near-panic, someone here could help Roger.

Suddenly, the emergency physician appeared again.

"Roger, your white blood count is 12,200. The tenderness you have in your abdomen is right in the right spot for an appendix. We're going to start an IV. I'll talk with one of the surgeons and have him come see you here. You may need surgery."

Then, from three or four beds down the hall, a nurse called out.

"Hey Dr. Cortez! I need you in here again!"

Cortez held her hand up and

motioned toward Roger, as if to say, "Hang in there, we'll be back." She shifted quickly toward the chaos behind that curtain.

Now Roger felt alone. Here he was, in the midst of dozens of people, including his wife, and he felt alone. A surgeon he had never met was coming to see him. They were going to decide whether he should be put to sleep and have his belly invaded by steel instruments.

Roger did not even hear the screaming in that bed just a few feet away; he didn't feel his wife's hand on his shoulder. He just closed his eyes.

Appendicitis is the most common indication for emergency surgery. It may be encountered at any time in life, but is most frequent during the second and third decades.

The mortality rate of this disease was more than eight per 100,000 of the population 50 years ago, but has steadily decreased since then, reaching a rate of less than one per 100,000 by the 1980s.

Inflammation and infection in this finger-like tube usually cause pain and loss of appetite, and may also cause nausea and fever. The pain and tenderness often end up in the lower

right portion of the abdomen. Many surgeons feel that appendicitis is caused by obstruction of the opening between the large bowel and the appendix, perhaps from food particles or swollen lymphoid tissue. Others believe that an ulceration of the inner lining of the appendix is actually the initial insult, and that it may be caused by a virus or other infectious organism.

The diagnosis of appendicitis is not always achieved easily, and may require, in addition to laboratory studies, physical examination, and x-rays, a more specialized evaluation. This may include CT scanning or ultrasound examination. During the first several hours of the disease, diagnosis can be quite difficult, and it may be appropriate in some cases to discharge the patient from the ER with a scheduled re-evaluation several hours later. The diagnosis may then be more apparent.

Once the diagnosis is made, the treatment is the surgical removal of the appendix.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

# Eggs are still getting a bad rap

If the Easter Bunny left you with a surplus of hard-boiled eggs, enjoy them. Eggs don't deserve the bad reputation they received in the press a few years ago when people started worrying about cholesterol levels.

More recent studies have proven that while some people who are on doctor-ordered restricted diets should be careful about eating eggs, for most people eggs provide an excellent source of nutrition.

Eggs are high in protein and relatively low in calories. They also contain choline, which the body uses to produce the brain chemical that allows brain cells to "communicate" with each other.

Studies of older Americans have shown that those who regularly eat eggs maintain better memory function than



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those who eat eggs rarely or never.

According to a publication by the National Egg Board, Dr. Weida Howell and colleagues at the University of Arizona conducted a statistical analysis of 224 dietary studies carried out over the past 25 years investigating the relationship between diet and blood cholesterol levels in over 8,000 sub-

jects. What these investigators found was that saturated fat in the diet, not dietary cholesterol, is what influences blood cholesterol levels the most. The study found that for most healthy people, saturated fat is a greater concern than dietary cholesterol, and that eggs can readily fit into a heart-healthy, nutritious and enjoyable diet.

Research by the American Heart Association has shown that lifestyle factors can affect cholesterol level even more than diet can. Smoking cigarettes raises your cholesterol level. Regular exercise lowers it.

That means the cigarette you smoke after breakfast can affect your cholesterol level more than the eggs you ate for breakfast.

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-

like substance produced by the body. Cholesterol is needed for many bodily functions and serves to insulate nerve fibers, maintain cell walls and produce vitamin D, various hormones and digestive juices. Your liver produces most of the cholesterol in your body.

A large egg contains 4.5 grams of fat (1.5 of which is saturated fat), and 213 milligrams of cholesterol. Eggs contain about 70 calories each.

While eggs can be part of a healthy diet, there are a few things to consider before you start making egg salad for those leftover colored eggs.

The first questions to ask are just when were the eggs cooked and colored and how long were they left out of the refrigerator?

An egg shell is one of nature's wonders. It can keep

raw eggs fresh if they are refrigerated. But, when you cook an egg, that shell becomes slightly permeable. That means bacteria can get through the shell and into the egg.

According to USDA guidelines, you should not eat hard-boiled eggs if they have been left out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. If they were left out in the sun during an egg hunt, that safe time span is even shorter.

If you don't know when they were cooked, or how long they were left out of the refrigerator, play it safe and get rid of them. Eggs are not expensive. If you want hard-boiled

eggs, it's easy enough to go buy some eggs and cook them yourself.

If you bought cooked, colored eggs at the grocery store, you can rely on the "use by" date on the package so long as you keep them refrigerated. Hard-boiled eggs sold commercially are given a protective coating that helps keep bacteria out.

If you cooked the eggs yourself, you probably wouldn't want to keep them around more than a week.

As I said, eggs are not expensive so there's no sense in taking chances.

And whether or not you eat eggs, don't forget to eat your breakfast!

## Pointers For Parents

Free booklet tells kids what causes disease

(NAPSA) An award-winning booklet that describes environmental diseases we may get and gives us ideas on how to prevent them is now available free. The booklet, produced by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, describes the many diseases that our surroundings can trigger—such as poison ivy and lead poisoning.

Called Environmental Disease from A to Z, it tells what is known about environmental causes of (alphabetically) Asthma, Birth Defects, Cancer, Dermatitis, Emphysema...all the way to Tooth Decay and Zinc Poisoning.

Incidentally, mercury fumes in the days when mercury was used to shape hats were what made Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter so crazy, according to the booklet.

For a free copy write EC-12, PO Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 or call 919-541-7860. Teachers may order up to 100.

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## Feel strongly about local issues?



## The Sun INVITES YOU TO SPEAK OUT! (561) 996-6636

Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line.

Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask questions about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

### Responding to Speak Out

"Thank you for providing this service. I have some questions that I'm not sure should go to either the City of Pahokee or Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, but almost two years ago the current chief of the fire department determined that it was best if he got us involved with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue to supposedly save money, etc.

This was done regardless of the fact that 3,000 citizens signed a petition against this move, our city commissioners went ahead with it.

We were promised a new fire station within a year, which we have not received. We were also promised that our employees would not be hassled.

At the last commission meeting we were told that three key fire personnel have turned in their letters of resignation. There is currently a law suit concerning hours worked, all kinds of mess.

When citizens ask at city commission meetings we're never told anything and we don't get answers.

Perhaps the city manager, mayor and city commissioners, especially the fire chief, might answer these allegations. And they truly are allegations of many aspects of mismanagement, nepotism, double nepotism, favoritism in expenditures of monies to family members, etc.

When do we get our new fire station? Why do we have key personnel quitting? Why are the firemen forced to be on call on their days off and threatened with being fired if they don't stay at home to answer the phone on their days off?

Please, Mr. Fire Chief, answer these allegations."

**Fire Chief Gary Burroughs responds:** "I thank you for your interest in the City of Pahokee Fire Department and the progress being made in our joint venture with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. The City of Pahokee Fire Department was contracted by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue to provide service to the unincorporated areas around Pahokee. We began doing that in December 1997. Since that time we doubled the firefighters on staff. We now have two on 24-hour duty, and we have increased our state of readiness with additional equipment. The new fire station plans are almost complete and should be going out for bid in the very near future. Some employees have resigned recently to attend paramedic school and further their careers. Firefighters with the City of Pahokee, whether paid or volunteer, are a good example

of getting the most for your tax dollars. The City would not tolerate any employee being hassled on the job. Some of the other allegations are without merit and do not require comment. I would encourage the caller to contact my self or City Manager Ken Schenk for a meeting to discuss the future of the fire service in Pahokee."

### Festival was too noisy

"I would like to direct this to the people in charge of the festival held near Lake Shore Elementary that lasted until 10 p.m. Saturday night, March 20, 1999.

Who gave them the right to break the law and disturb the peace by forcing their loud, blaring, pulsating music (noise) on much of the City of Belle Glade?

I live several blocks away and the continual vibrating noise was very irritating. I felt sorry for the sick and elderly who live nearby.

Caring people do not disturb others. We have had many festivals in Belle Glade and have not disturbed anyone. Parents and teachers teach their children to be quiet and consider other people's feelings. I hope these adults can do the same at their next festival."

### What's the status?

"I am calling with a concern about the houses in Villa Lago in South Bay. I am anxious to find out the status of those houses. There are those of us who have completed the paperwork on those houses and some of us were expecting to be moved into those houses already.

For some reason everything seems to be at a standstill. I'm concerned and so are some other people. Some of us have been given notice from where we have been living previously and we are staying with people and we need our own place.

We thought we would be in by at least last month and now Easter has come and gone and I'm beginning to feel a little disappointed about this, so I would like for someone to address this concern for me.

### Buses to Pruitt

"I called some time ago about the status of the buses that go to Pruitt Village and I would just like to know the reason why the buses are not going to Pruitt Village anymore to pick up the people out there. Some of them are very dependent upon that service. It has been very useful to us and there are senior citizens who need this service.

SEE SPEAK OUT/PAGE 5



"SURE SHE CAN TALK. JUST DON'T GET HER STARTED ON RELIGION OR POLITICS... SHE GOES BANANAS."

## Representative Addie Greene: "Protecting education means opposing vouchers"

Representative Addie Greene said she stands for education and opposes school vouchers. The Bush/Brogan A Plus plan provides private school vouchers to all students in schools graded F.

"Vouchers take money from our public schools without accountability or standards," said Rep. Greene. "I worked with my Democratic colleagues offering amendments to address the deficiencies in this legislation and stop the looting of our public schools." Among the proposals were:

- Administering the FCAT test to all students in schools accepting vouchers.
- Grading private schools accepting vouchers on the same scale as public schools.
- Instituting teacher certification requirements.
- Requiring that a school be in existence for three years or more and provide proof of financial

stability before accepting vouchers.

- Limiting vouchers to the level of school (elementary, middle, high school) that has received a grade of F.

- Refunding money to the state if a voucher child is dismissed from private school.

- Distributing incentive money to improving schools rather than those already receiving an A.

- Sending in school improvement SWAT teams prior to vouchers.

- Eliminate vouchers.

Representative Greene said, "House leadership pushed vouchers through the system with no standards or accountability. Additionally, in areas with currently low-performing schools, there are no openings in private schools for these children. Once again they are promoting financial assistance for the elite and attacking Florida families."

## Three on a String to perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center tonight



They do all kinds of music - old standards, country, classical, bluegrass and folk - and on Thursday, April 8, they'll bring their unique blend of three part harmony to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

*Three on a String* has been entertaining audiences across America for more than a quarter of a century with much of their appeal coming from their ability to infuse their performance with comedy, giving each concert a feeling of camaraderie and unrehearsed ease.

Over the years, *Three on a String* has enjoyed performing with many well-known artists including Barbara Mandrell, The Statler Brothers, and The Oak Ridge Boys. They have also opened for B.J. Thomas and Bill Cosby.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be reserved by calling the Dolly Hand box office at 992-6160.

## World renowned photographer Claudine Laabs exhibits at the Dolly Hand Center



because her nature photography captures meaningful moments in wildlife behavior as well as the subtle colors of Florida's landscapes and skies. She believes good photography is "painting with light."

Claudine's photography has achieved international recognition in *International Wildlife* magazine and *Der Spiegel*, national attention in *National Wildlife*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and local attention in *Palm Beach Illustrated* and *Florida Gopher*. She has had

solo exhibitions at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Loxahatchee Historical Museum, Okeechobee Nature Center and Everglades National Park. Her work is sold as fine art prints, posters and postcards.

She will exhibit her work at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, April 8 at the performance of *Three on a String*. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call the Dolly Hand at 992-6160.

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- ✓ To provide a right to reply to those about whom we write.
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## Black Gold Notes

By Dianne Carter, Jubilee Chairman

### Spirit of the Glades

The Spirit of the Glades logo is a sketch by Glades Artist Ann Tyler which depicts the silent grace and extreme pride of an eagle as it soars high above the shallow waters of Lake Okeechobee and over the fertile fields that have sustained many generations of Glades families.

### Jubilee Booklet

The Jubilee '99 Booklet will be available at the Children's Fishing Contest, and Harvest Queen Contest on Saturday April 17, the Jubilee Gospel Sing on Tuesday, April 20, and at the Jubilee Welcome Tent on Saturday, April 24. This year's Booklet will feature some examples of the kindness and generosity of the people of the Glades, as well as a collection of short stories and words of wisdom that have passed from generation to generation in the Glades.

### Jubilee T-Shirts

The Spirit of the Glades T-shirts will be for sale at the Maxis Booth at the Jubilee Welcome Tent. Find the familiar face of John Mack and you have found your Jubilee '99 T-Shirt!

### Communorative Cups

The Jubilee '99 Communorative Cups will display the Spirit of the Glades logo, complement of First Community Bank. All beverages will be sold at these cups at the Jubilee, so be sure to add to your collection from years past!

### Signs, Banners, Posters

Black Gold Jubilee Posters are ready to go up! Signs are almost done! Black Gold Jubilee Banners will be going up very soon! The City of Belle Glade Fire Department will be installing the banners across the highway at the north and south entrances to the city. Watch for our banners during

Jubilee Week!

### Jubilee Week

Jubilee Week begins Saturday, April 17 at 9 a.m. with the Children's Fishing Contest organized and conducted by the City of Belle Glade Fire Fighters; the Harvest Queen Contest, sponsored by the Lions Club and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 7 p.m.; the hilarious Night Golf Tournament at dusk; and the Jubilee Dance at the Drawbridge at 10 p.m.

The festivities start early on Saturday the 24th at 7:30 a.m. with the 5K Walk/Run on the Golf Course; the Black Gold Jubilee Main Street Parade at 10 a.m. Volleyball starts at the marina at 9 a.m. and Entertainment, Arts & Crafts Booths, Food Booths, and Children's Events all start at noon. The grand finale will be the spectacular fireworks at dusk! Be prepared for a fantastic week!!!



Members and friends of Community United Methodist Church recently took a "Journery of Paul" trip to Greece. Shown left to right on the day of departure, March 11, are: Curtis Thompson, Jane Thompson, Jean Day, Frances Checkley, Dana Woodley, Mickey Harris, Joyce Matthews, Rev. David Day, and Frances Adams. The group returned March 23.

### SPEAK OUT/FROM 4

I would like to get some feedback on this. Thank you very much."

**Editor's note:** This caller must have missed the response from Palm Tran which ran the week after the initial call. Palm Tran officials said they regret they had to discontinue service to Pruitt Village, but there were not enough people using the bus service from Pruitt to justify the trip out that far.

We also received a Speak Out concerning the PACE Center for Girls and the possibility of it closing. We are working on a story about this which should run next week. Thank you for calling Speak Out.

### Privileges for some?

"I would like to know why the city trash truck was seen picking up roofing material when the roofing companies that are in business have to

pay a dumping fee.

I was under the understanding that roofing material was hazardous and had to be disposed of and the trash truck did not pick it up.

You continue to have a problem with the garbage truck not picking up your residential garbage for two weeks in a row. Are only certain people allowed these privileges?

Thank you."

### Kevin McNamara, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Belle Glade responds:

"As part of the on-going cleanup project in the City of Belle Glade, building debris (roofing material) will be removed when a sanitary nuisance exists, when an investigation into illegal dumping is being conducted, or when a property owner is required to have the building debris removed to comply with a City Ordinance. Upon the property owners' request a special pickup charge, plus an administrative

fee, is assessed to the owner for expenses the City incurs for removing, hauling, and disposing of the building debris at the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority station.

The disposal of building debris (roofing material) is governed by the Solid Waste Authority in compliance with State and Federal guidelines. If you notice that your garbage has not been collected, please contact the Sanitation Department at (561) 996-7251 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., or the Belle Glade Police Department at (561) 996-5865 after normal working hours. Your concerns are appreciated and anyone needing information on services provided by the City of Belle Glade Sanitation Department may call (561) 996-5865 and ask for the Solid Waste manager.

For information on the disposal of hazardous waste you may call the Solid Waste Authority's hazardous waste unit at (561) 930-2727."

## Sun Spots



### Children's Black Gold Fishing is April 17

Parents of children up to age 15 are invited to sign their youngsters up for the annual Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest. The event will be held Saturday, April 17 at the Belle Glade Marina.

Registrations is from 7 to 9 a.m. and fishing begins at 9 a.m. Bait is provided free for the children, but they must bring their own pole! Lunch is also provided free for the children and the Glades ARC will be selling hamburgers for the adults.

Application forms are available at Belle Glade City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Chamber at 996-2745.

### Black Gold Volleyball applications available

The Black Gold Jubilee Volleyball Tournament is set to begin on Saturday, April 24 at 9 a.m. at the Belle Glade Marina.

Applications to enter a team in the tournament are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or at Glades Day School. Deadline is April 16. T-shirts will be

given to each participant. The tournament is limited to the first 10 teams. Contact Dick Schmidt at 996-6029 days or 996-8782 evenings for more information.

### Outreach Day

High school seniors are invited to Palm Beach Community College for April outreach days to learn about PBOC's offerings as well as its clubs, organizations, etc. For more information call 992-6162.

### Ribbon cutting

The public is invited to the Learning Center ribbon cutting at the Belle Glade Branch Library on Tuesday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m. Come see the new computers and Children's Learning Center, funded by a Gates Library Foundation Grant.

Refreshments will be served. The Belle Glade Branch Library is located at 530 South Main Street, Belle Glade. Phone number is 996-3453.

### SAC meeting

Attention all Lake Shore Middle School parents, You are invited to attend a SAC meeting on April 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the South Campus Media

Center. Ms. Patricia Rogan, Literacy Specialist from the Belle Glade Library will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

### Soccer registration

American Youth Soccer Organization Region 1267 will be holding registration for the fall season and for Major League Soccer Camp on April 10, April 24 and May 8 and 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Clewiston Youth Center.

The cost for the fall season is \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child. The cost covers an eight week season and Jamboree and uniform. Shoes and shin guards are not included. MLS Camp will be June 1-5 at Sugarland Park in Clewiston.

For more information call 941-983-0454 or stop by U-Save Supermarket in Belle Glade.

### Odd Couple at GCCH

The Interfaith Therapeutic Society will present "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon this Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9 at 8:14 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any cast member or from Mrs. Sarah Bennett, director, or at the door.

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 725 complaints, worked 10 crime scenes and gave 44 traffic citations the week of March 29-April 4.

Those arrested included:

March 29 - Avenille, 14, escape from house arrest; Patricia Coleman, 30, burglary of a dwelling and battery.

March 30 - Charlie Simmons, 20, carrying a concealed weapon and loitering and prowling; Ricky Tillman, 35, domestic battery; Jerry Seymour Jr., 20, domestic battery; Frederick Harris, 40, petty theft.

March 31 - Juan Martinez Garcia, 27, violation of probation; Tyjuan Shannonhouse, 21, burglary of a vehicle; Christopher Redd, 26, violation of a protection injunction; Shirley Reed Spooner, 49, violation of a protection injunction.

April 1 - No arrests made.

April 2 - Brenda Dominique, 36, domestic battery and aggravated assault; Zabiah Caple, 39, burglary of an auto; Juvenile, 17, trespassing after warning; Efrain Clas, 19, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Rosalio Hughley, 60; carrying a concealed weapon; Juvenile, 16, strong arm robbery.

April 3 - Isaias Melendez, 24, domestic battery; Samuel Grant, 36, felony retail

theft; Lorraine Johnson, 33, felony retail theft; Keith McIntyre, 19, battery on a pregnant female; Joseph Grice, 47, felony domestic battery; Larry Kimble, 30, warrant for domestic battery.

April 4 - Lawrence Butler, 22, aggravated assault with a firearm; Carmen Camacho, 26, opposing and obstructing justice; Juan Martinez, 22, attempting to deprive a law enforcement officer of a weapon, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence; Juan Nunez, 29, domestic violence; Paul Miller, 30, resisting arrest without violence; Garfield Sutherland, 31, aggravated domestic assault and domestic battery.

### SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 4 arrests the week of March 28-April 2.

Those arrested included:

March 28 - No arrests made.

March 29 - No arrests made.

March 30 - No arrests made.

March 31 - No arrests made.

April 1 - Juvenile, warrant arrest.

April 2 - Arkelia Edwards, 23, domestic battery.

April 3 - Juvenile, robbery; Jayvon T. Mann, 18, robbery.

## CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **McArthur Lee Glaze**, who is wanted for throwing a deadly missile into an occupied vehicle.

Glaze is a black male, 5'11" tall, and weighs 170 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is December 10, 1974. His last known address was 275 S.W.

9th Avenue, South Bay. His Social Security number is 266-57-4566 and his last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of March 30, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Glaze, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-456-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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- Wednesday, Apr. 14, Pahokee City Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
- Wednesday, Apr. 21, Pahokee City Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
- Thursday, Apr. 22, Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, 7:00 p.m.  
- Thursday, Apr. 29, Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, 7:00 p.m.

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### 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 909	Mike McLaughlin, 927	Ron Hornaday, 535
2. Bobby Labonte, 907	Elton Sawyer, 922	Stacy Compton, 500
3. Dale Jarrett, 847	Matt Kenseth, 918	Mike Wallace, 456
4. Jeff Gordon, 790	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 911	Jack Sprague, 447
5. Terry Labonte, 786	Jeff Green, 872	Andy Houston, 443
6. Mark Martin, 780	Jason Keller, 855	Rick Crawford, 424
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 770	Jeff Burton, 808	Kevin Cuykowski, 406
8. Ward Burton, 749	Mark Martin, 797	Greg Biffle, 404
9. Mike Skinner, 734	Todd Bodine, 744	Mike Stefanik, 385
10. Michael Waltrip, 710	Randy LaJoie, 743	Scott Hansen, 385

### TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. (1) Jeff Gordon     | Four in a row at Bristol  |
| 2. (2) Bobby Labonte   | Fully recovered           |
| 3. (3) Jeff Burton     | Your point leader         |
| 4. (4) Mark Martin     | Eventful Bristol record   |
| 5. (5) Dale Jarrett    | Bristol may be the place  |
| 6. (6) Jeremy Mayfield | Itchy for a win           |
| 7. (7) Ward Burton     | Only luck gets in the way |
| 8. (8) Rusty Wallace   | Yet another Bristol ace   |
| 9. (9) Terry Labonte   | See above                 |
| 10. (10) Terry Stewart | Best rookie in years      |

### 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway (all-star race)	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyne, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Seas Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyne, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.

### FROM LAST WEEK

#### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Jeff Green won a Gibson Les Paul guitar as part of the purse for Saturday's BellSouth Mobility 320 at Nashville Speedway USA. The race's pivotal moment occurred when then-leader Sterling Marlin suffered a flat right-rear tire, spinning out and collecting another Chevy driven by Matt Kenseth. Green, running second at the time, took the lead and was seldom challenged again. It was Green's second BGN victory.

#### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

In the Truck Series' 100th race (dating back to 1995), Ron Hornaday won the race at Evergreen Speedway in Monroe, Wash., earning a \$100,000 bonus from Craftsman because he was one of four drivers to have participated in every series event. The Chevrolet driver held off a late charge from another perfect-attendance driver, Jack Sprague. The race was red-flagged three times due to rain, but Hornaday completed the scheduled 200-lap distance.

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Ron Hornaday vs. Jack Sprague

These two titans of the Craftsman Truck Series mixed it up yet another time, with Hornaday getting away from Sprague to win a \$100,000 bonus at Evergreen Speedway in Monroe, Wash.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:

"This sheet-metal-bending rivalry is what racing is all about, and as Keith Jackson might intone, these two drivers 'just do not like each other.'"

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Barrett to return to Donlavey's No. 90 Ford April 11

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Stanton Barrett will be back once more as driver of June Donlavey's No. 90 Ford for the Ford City 500 on April 11 at Bristol Motor Speedway. The car will carry sponsorship from Triple Edge Silicon Wiper Blades and Suburban Lodge.

Barrett had also been named as driver of Doug Taylor's No. 40 Chevrolet in the Busch Grand National series. Kerry Earnhardt was released as driver of that car before the Texas race, and Barrett piloted it in the BellSouth Mobility 320 at Nashville Speedway USA.

"This is what I want to do, race as much as I can," said

Barrett. "I've loved what I could do in the Winston Cup Series so far this year and want to do more, but I like driving the Busch cars an awful lot, too. It's a pretty nice feeling to have guys like June Donlavey and Doug Taylor putting faith in you to do a good job for them at two pretty tough racetracks."

LONG, HARD ROAD: One day after the Food City 500 at Bristol, Mark Martin will observe the 25th anniversary of his racing career.

On April 12, 1974, at a 25-mile dirt oval in Loost Grove, Ark., known as Independence County Speedway, Martin competed in his first stock car race.

He drove an orange 1965 Chevy to a sixth-place finish in the feature, earning \$56.

"I'm just a little hillybilly from Arkansas who wanted to race and never dreamed that I could do what I'm doing today," said Martin, at age 40 the winner of 30 Winston Cup races. "I was young and looking for something to do. I could drive pretty good at a young age. After driving some and playing other sports, I decided I probably was going to be a lot better off chasing a race-car dream than playing in the NBA."

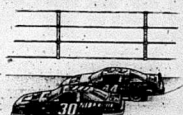
Ma n is 5 feet, 6 inches

INJURY UPDATES: Mike Skinner suffered a cracked

shoulder blade in his Texas crash. He is undergoing physical therapy this week and expects to be able to compete at Bristol without a relief or substitute driver. Jeff Gordon is reportedly sore but suffered no broken bones. Jimmy Spencer was also banged up in his late-race crash and was suffering from shoulder and wrist pain. Although Spencer was still undergoing examinations as this went to press, he was expected back at Bristol.

NEW CREW CHIEF: Joe Garone has resigned as Bill Elliott's crew chief, citing personal reasons. Jerry Pitts has been promoted to the post.

Terry Labonte started his career in 1978.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

### Trackside Trivia

- Who won the last three IROC series races?
- Who was the first driver to sweep the Saturday 300-miler and the Sunday Daytona 500?
- Who won the Daytona 500 in his 17th try?
- Who holds the race-speed record at Bristol?

1. Mark Martin; 2. Lee Yarbrough in 1963;
3. Darrell Waltrip in 1989; 4. Charlie Glotzbach.

ANSWERS

Notable: Gordon has won this race four years in a row but has never won the summer night race. ... Darrell Waltrip has won a record 12 times at the track.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: Moore's Snacks 250  
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway, .533-mile oval, 133.25 miles

When: Saturday, April 10  
Defending champion: Elliott Sadler  
Qualifying record: Mark Martin,

Ford, 123.746 mph, April 8, 1994  
Race record: Harry Gant, Buick, 92.923 mph, April 4, 1992  
Notable: Morgan Shepherd has won four BGN races at Bristol, two more than any other driver. ... Martin, Todd Bodine and Larry Pearson are among those who have won twice.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Coming up: Dodge California Truck Stop 300  
Where: Mesa Marin Raceway, Bakersfield, Calif., .500-mile oval,

150 miles.  
When: Saturday, April 10  
Defending champion: Dennis Setzer  
Qualifying record: Ron Hornaday, Chevrolet, 95.400 mph, Oct. 17, 1998

Race record: Randy Tolson, Chevrolet, 76.293 mph, Oct. 12, 1997

Notable: Mike Skinner is the track's only two-time winner. Setzer won last year's race in a Dodge, breaking Chevrolet's four-race win streak.

### PROFILE

## Terry Labonte

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Two-time Winston Cup champion Terry Labonte earned what he considers the greatest victory of his career recently at Texas Motor Speedway. Labonte grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas, which made the victory at the state's only Winston Cup event particularly significant. Labonte won his championships in 1984 and 1996, the widest span between titles for any driver in NASCAR history. Labonte's career was reinvigorated when he joined Hendrick Motorsports in 1994.

AGE: 42

HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas, lives in Thomasville, N.C.



Terry Labonte started his career in 1978.

SPOUSE: Kim

CHILDREN: Justin (18), Kristen (15)

CAR: No. 5 Kellogg's Chevrolet, owned by Rick Hendrick

RECORD: 613 starts, 25 poles, 21 wins, 172 top-five finishes, 327 top-10s, nearly \$19.5 million in career earnings

FIRSTS: Start (Sept. 4, 1978, at Darlington), pole (March 13, 1981, at Atlanta), win (Sept. 1, 1980, at Darlington)

CAN YOU DESCRIBE WHAT IT MEANT FOR YOU TO WIN IN YOUR NATIVE STATE? "It was real important because I've got a lot of friends in Texas and a lot of relatives, so it meant a lot. I know when we come down to Texas that

(brother) Bobby and I have a lot of fans, and we like to run well. We sat down before the year, (crew chief) Andy (Graves) and me, and Texas was at the top of my list as far as races if you had a choice to win. We put a lot of effort into going down there and running well."

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER MOST? "I saw the crowd, and they were all standing up and cheering. All the other drivers pulled up alongside me and congratulated me. That's a good feeling. When you don't win a lot of races like some of these other guys do, guys will do that. It really makes you feel good, and with the crowd, it was awesome. It was a great day for us. To me, it was the biggest race I've ever won. To be able to come home to Texas and win made me very happy."

HOW WILL THE TEXAS VICTORY AFFECT YOUR SEASON? "We want to run for the championship. Any time you can have a race like we had at Texas, it's a big step in the right direction for your whole team."

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Do you have any information on why Chrysler (Dodge/Plymouth) is not getting back into the NASCAR program? It would be like the benefits would be overwhelming.

Daniel Durst  
Cedar Springs, Mich.

Dodge has been active in the Craftsman Truck Series, and a year ago, rumors were circulating that Chrysler Corp. would soon return to Winston Cup. For the time being, the Deimler-Chrysler merger seems to have put that on hold.

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Could you please explain the point system for the Winston Cup Series?

B. Pruitt  
Calvert City, Ky.

In each race, the winner gets 175 points, with the second-place finisher getting 170, third getting 165, and the number diminishing gradually (the difference is reduced to four and then to three as the finishing order progresses) through the field. Any driver who leads a lap gets five bonus points, and the driver who leads the most laps gets five bonus points. A driver who wins the race and leads the most laps would thus get 185. At the end of the season, the driver with the most points is the champion.

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Would you please settle an argument between sisters-in-law? I say that the reason Darrell Waltrip does not race in the Bud Shootout is that he made a promise to his mother (that he would not drive in the race because of the beer sponsorship). She swears it's not D.W., but Richard Petty who made the promise — and a Petty car has not ever raced in the Bud Shootout.

Helen Fisher  
New Philadelphia, Ohio

Your sister-in-law is right. Petty will not participate in the contingency program by placing a Budweiser deal on his cars, and this makes the car ineligible to compete in the Shootout.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

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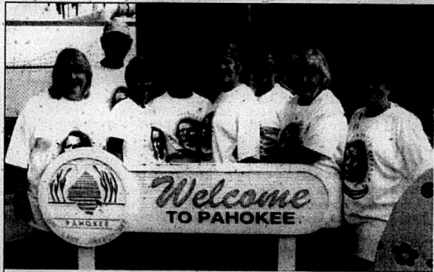
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# Cleaning up the Glades



Pahokee Main Street volunteers, l-r: Malissa Booth, Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful Coordinator; Pete Moore, City Commissioner; Amy Schenck; Barbara Branch; Shirley Jarriel; Mary Alice Moore; Kathy Roeckl and Dot Vanlandingham.



These volunteers from Pahokee came out to show pride in their community. The clean-up effort was a great success. The togetherness of the community was a pleasant reminder that we're all on the same team.



Pahokee Main Street Clean-up Chair & Design Chair Barbara Branch (l) and Program Coordinator Shirley Jarriel.



Robert Love and his group of volunteers proudly wore their clean-up t-shirts as they helped to clean up Pahokee.



Emilio Perez & friends showed up to clean up in Pahokee.



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity with Pahokee City Commissioners Keith Babb and Henry Crawford and Javay Todd and Dot Vanlandingham.



Henrietta Johnson and her Palm Beach County Health Care District Heart Project volunteers. All volunteers received t-shirts featuring the Great American Clean Up and Keep America Beautiful logos. You may remember the "Crying Indian" from Keep America Beautiful's inspiring and award-winning public service campaign of the early 1970s.

The City of South Bay also held clean-up events, but at press time, photos were unavailable. We hope to bring them to you in next week's issue of **The Sun**.

The following is a list of the group participants and donations for the clean-up in Pahokee.

**Volunteers:**  
City of Pahokee  
Pahokee Main Street  
Pahokee Chamber of Commerce  
Pahokee Youth Development Center  
Palm Beach County Eagle Academy  
Glades Correctional Institution  
Sons of Light Masonic Lodge  
Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful  
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County  
Pahokee Police Department  
Pahokee Fire Department  
Kappa Alpha Psi  
PBCHCD Heart Project  
Pahokee Recreation Department  
Pahokee City Commission  
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Pahokee Main Street volunteers Mary Alice Moore, Barbara Branch, Amy Schenck and Sandy Mercer.



City employee Bo Batchelor with volunteer Laura Hatton.



City Employee Alvin Johnson and the Recreation Center's Herb Crawford showed up to do some "spring cleaning" in Pahokee. Here, they display a logo t-shirt.



These Pahokee residents made the clean-up a family affair. Many families showed up to clean up as a team. The whole event was a model in teamwork.



# Cleaning up the Glades



City employees Mary Jo Walker (R) and City Clerk Debra Buff (C) help register volunteers at Saturday's clean up.



Belle Glade Police Sgt. Curtis Stambaugh was a real trooper and spent the entire day cooking for the crowd.



Firefighter Hugo Matos cuts wristbands off volunteers before they enjoy lunch.



The driving force behind Saturday's highly successful Belle Glade Clean up are shown above. From left are: Tonya Faulk, office assistant for Belle Glade Sanitation, Joanna Aiken, community coordinator for the Solid Waste Authority, Kevin McNamara, Solid Waste manager for the City of Belle Glade, Malissa Booth executive director of Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, and Bill Carter, executive director of the Glades Boys & Girls Club.



Volunteers and city workers picked up 43 TONS of trash and debris during the clean up.



Kids from the Key Club at the Glades Boys & Girls Club were on hand in large numbers to help with Saturday's clean up. Over 270 Glades residents participated in Belle Glade's clean up effort.



Volunteers prepare for the onslaught of those wishing to register for the clean up in Belle Glade.



Waiting for the hungry crew were many volunteers who served up hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks.



Carmen Canales, secretary for Glades Community Development Corporation (C) and Dianne Carter, assistant city clerk in Belle Glade, distribute t-shirts to the volunteers before the clean up effort.



Gloria Swager (seated) gives directions to some of the adult volunteers before the start of the clean up.

The following is a list of the group participants and donations for the clean-up in Belle Glade:

#### Volunteer Organizations:

City of Belle Glade  
Belle Glade Boys & Girls Club  
Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce  
The Sun  
Belle Glade Woman's Club  
Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Dixie Belle Chapter 116, JES  
Essence Unique Ladies' Club  
First Baptist Haitian Church  
Glades Community Development Corporation  
Glades Youth Leadership  
Sota Omicron Zeta Phi Beta Sorority  
Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful  
One Hundred Black Men of Palm Beach County  
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#### Donations made by:

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Foster Bail Bonds  
Glades Community Development Corporation  
Glades General Hospital  
Glades Youth Leadership  
The Royal Companies of South Bay  
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Members of the Belle Glade Woman's Club participated in Saturday's clean up. Shown seated are Treasurer Gloria Swager and her husband, Tom, who also volunteered. Standing, from left are President Sandra Chamblee and First Vice President Brenda Bunting.

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## Obituaries

Week of April 8, 1999

**Tommie Lee Holmes DuBose**, 82, of Pahokee died Saturday, April 3 in Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center.

A native of Goodwater, Alabama, she was born on June 3, 1916, daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson and Mary Rosalie Holmes. She had made her home in Pahokee since moving from Alabama in August, 1943.

Mrs. DuBose received her A.B. degree from Alabama College, now the University of Montevallo, and did graduate study at Palm Beach Junior College, Appalachian State Teachers College, University of Florida and Auburn University.

A retired school teacher, she taught for six years in Alabama before moving to Pahokee where she taught for 29 years in the Palm Beach County School system prior to her retirement in 1972.

She was a member of the Business and Professional Woman's Club, Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Pahokee Garden Club, the FAFY Club, Palm Beach County Retired Teachers Association, the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, served three years as Necrology Chairman for the Florida Retired Educators Association and was a long time member of the Everglades Regional Medical Center Auxiliary of which she was president when the hospital closed.

Mrs. DuBose was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Pahokee, where she served for almost 50 years as a Sunday School teacher and the church organist. Several years ago she moved her membership to the Canal Point Baptist Church. She was married to the late William Moffett DuBose who preceded her in death on January 20, 1978.

Surviving are: nephew - Jimmy Holmes of Alexander City, Alabama; nieces - Janet Keith of Birmingham, Alabama and Judy Fancher of Eufaula, Alabama; great nephews - Todd Keith of Des Moines, Iowa, and Alex Keith of Washington, D.C.; great nieces - Lisa H. McKelvey of Dadeville, Alabama and Julia H. Appel of Cullman, Alabama; great-great nephew - Cole McKelvey of Dadeville, Alabama.

The funeral service was conducted on Monday, April 5 in the Canal Point Baptist Church. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, officiated. Interment followed Wednesday in the Greenview Memorial Park, Goodwater, Alabama.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee had charge of the arrangements.

**Henry Albert Davis**, 94, of Arden, North Carolina and former long-time West Palm Beach resident died Saturday, April 3 at his residence.

A native of Early County, Georgia, he was born on June 4, 1904, son of the late Albert Iverson and Lella Copper Davis. He had made his home in Arden since moving from West Palm Beach 23 years ago.

Mrs. Davis was a farmer, worked in the oil fields of Texas and Oklahoma and was a postal worker in Miami. He was a retired Master Sergeant and Drill Instructor in the United States Army, having served during World War II.

He was a retired engineer with the City of West Palm Beach Water Department. While a resident of West Palm Beach, he was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are: sons - H. Richard Davis of Norwalk, Connecticut and H. Stanley Davis of Arden, North Carolina; daughter - Debbie Davis of West Palm Beach; brothers - Tom Davis of West Palm Beach and Joe Davis of Leesburg; eight grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, April 6 in the James A. Bennett Funeral Home. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, Canal Point Baptist Church officiated. Interment followed in Fort Mayaca Memorial Park.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee had charge of the arrangements.

**Gil Gabaldon**, 87, a former resident of Pahokee, died Friday, March 19 at his residence in Auburndale. Mr. Gabaldon was born in Bosque, New Mexico on Feb. 8, 1912.

He was a pilot in the crop dusting industry and a member of St. Joseph's Church in Winter Haven. He was preceded in death by his son Bruno Gabaldon; three brothers, Thomas Gabaldon, Fred Gabaldon and Juan Gabaldon; and two sisters, Arvilla Castillo and Lilly Rael.

Survivors include two sons - Andre Gabaldon of Auburndale, Val Gabaldon of West Palm Beach and a daughter - Marie Agnes Langston of Boynton Beach; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

James Stephen Cook, 51, formerly of Belle Glade died Sunday, March 21 in a traffic accident in Jensen Beach.

Mr. Cook was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force from 1972 to 1982 with the rank of Staff Sergeant in Aircraft Maintenance.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra of Ohio; son Christopher of Mass; brothers - Mark Cook of Belle Glade and Keith Cook of Lake City, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at Glades Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, March 30 with Rev. Lloyd G. Greene officiating. Arrangements were made by Glades Funeral Chapel of Belle Glade.

**August H. Kirchman**, 80, of Belle Glade passed away Sunday, April 4 at his home. Mr. Kirchman moved to Belle Glade in the early 1920s and was a survivor of the 1929 hurricane. He owned and operated Kirchman Chevron until his retirement. He was a member of the Belle Glade Elks, American Legion Post 20 and a member and supporter of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kirchman was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel, in 1995. He leaves to cherish his memory sons: Steven A. Kirchman of Eden Prairie, MN., John C. Kirchman, Franklin, NC, David A. Kirchman, Dodge City, KS, Philip L. Kirchman, Gainesville, Fla., Patrick J. Kirchman, Brooksville, Fla., Jerry W. Kirchman, Okemos, Mich. and Jeffrey Paul Kirchman of Belle Glade, daughters: Joyce L. Martin of Clearwater, Jackie A. McDaniel of Wellington, and Mary J. Poulson of Gaithersburg, MD.

Mr. Kirchman also leaves behind 24 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Benet Catholic Church, Belle Glade, with Father Luis Ainetto officiating. Interment will follow at Church of Peace Cemetery in Royal Palm Beach.

Mixon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

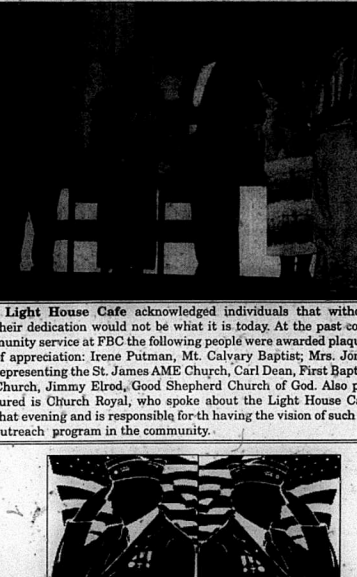
### DEBBIE LANTZ, HER FAMILY, AND FRIENDS WISH TO GIVE A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO:

The employees and friends of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative.

A thank-you doesn't seem to be enough for those that participated in the Medical BBQ benefit. The outpouring of love and dedication unselfishly given will be remembered forever.

A special note to each and everyone that donated food, money, cooked, served, sold tickets, bought tickets, delivered food, or participated in any way. God Bless Each and Everyone of You.

Debbie



**So Proudly You Serve**

**Glades General Hospital, Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Jose R. Thomas-Richards**, is new Commander of the 325th Field Hospital in Independence, Missouri, of the 89th Regional Support Command.

Cpl. Thomas-Richards entered the US Army Reserve in 1982 on special request of Col. Warren McNabney as an attachment to the 5503rd USA Hospital for winter annual training at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. On completion, he joined the 325th General Hospital from 1982 until 1985.

During this assignment he was selected as Commander of a Medical Platoon to Honduras. From 1985 to 1986, Commander of the 340th Medical Detachment, Independence, Missouri, from 1986 to 1989, Commander of the 335th Medical Company, Clearing, Joplin, Missouri, from 1989 to 1993, Commander of the 25th MASH, St. Louis, Missouri, from 1995 to present, Orthopedic Surgeon for the 325th Field Hospital.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, member of the Society of Military and Orthopedic Surgeons, member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States and a "Life Member" of the Reserve Officers Association.

Col. Thomas-Richards' awards include: the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Service Ribbon and the Army Reserve Component Overseas Ribbon.

The 325th Field Hospital now has an Authorized Strength of 426. It also has Command and Control of six subordinate units, including a Veterinary Unit and a Dental Unit. The Hospital Mission is to establish a Deployable Medical System (DEPMEDS) Hospital that provides Communication Zone Level (COMMZ) Health Service Support to U.S. Forces within the Pacific Theater of Operations and other forces as directed. The hospital sent 125 personnel to Operation Desert Storm.

Col. Thomas-Richards practiced Orthopedic and Hand Surgery in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1978 to 1994. In 1994, he relocated his practice to the agricultural, industrial community of South Florida including Belle Glade.

Col. Thomas-Richards and his wife, Suzanne Irene, reside in Jupiter, Fla. He has two sons, Jose and Raoul of Falls Church, Virginia and Mission, Kansas.

### First Parade of the Stars

Dixie Bell Chapter, 116, OES, is having a very special event chaired by the newly elected members.

This showcase will be held in the form of a religious program being held at:

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church located at 249 SW 10th St. in Belle Glade on Saturday, April 10 at 5 p.m. with the Rev. I.S. Jones, pastor.



**The Floridians**, a gospel quartet from Kissimmee, will be in concert Sunday, April 11 at 10:45 a.m. at the Pahokee Church of the Nazarene, 480 Bacon Point Road.

This group has recorded ten albums, one CD and two live videos. They have been blessed with and travel in a customized Eagle Tour Bus and sing between 150 and 189 concerts annually.

Everyone is welcome to the open door fellowship. For further information, you may call Pastor Dever at 924-7998 or 924-2587.



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### Pahokee High School Class of 49 Reunion

The 50th year reunion of the class of '49' was held Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27.

It was held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Lakeland, FL.

Friday evening a barbecue was held at the home of Lee and Pat Wroten, perfectly decorated with a 40's and 50's theme. There were 78 attending and reminiscing throughout the evening.

Classes represented were from 1947 through 1957. On Saturday a hospitality room in the hotel was filled with memorabilia from the past 50 years, including a cheerleader skirt and sweater (Bonnie Peacock). Snacks and drinks were available throughout the day and lots of conversation occurred.

Saturday evening another perfectly decorated banquet and ballroom hosted 85 members to a delicious dinner and dancing to 50's jukebox music and more visiting by all.

Classmates from as far as Michigan to Arizona including Mel and Richard Tillis from Branson, Missouri attended.

"Memories from this reunion will be with us all forever, said Loretta Wilson Gillis, class of 49.

Palm Beach County recently celebrated one of its own as Mrs. Mary Orsenigo was recognized for her dedication and devotion by her endless hours of volunteering at the PACE Center for Girls of the Glades.

Mrs. Orsenigo was nominated and selected as the winner of the Department of Juvenile Justice District 9 (Palm Beach County) Volunteer of the Year.

Nominations were submitted from all DJJ funded sites and the winner was selected as having provided the most services on a voluntary basis to an individual program.

Mary Orsenigo has been a member of the PACE Center for Girls of the Glades Board of Directors since its inception in 1996. Her volunteering at the program does not end there. Mrs. Orsenigo has tutored students, assisted in the Quality Assurance process (reviewing files, sitting in on the reviews), worked on the school medication garden and has been a spokesperson for the program within the community. Mrs. Orsenigo's unselfishness has been a part of the Center on a day to day basis.

Pictured at left to right are Ana Valdes, Volunteer Coordinator of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Mary Orsenigo, Volunteer of the Year District 9, Department of Juvenile Justice and Val Murano, Executive Director of the PACE Center for Girls of the Glades.

For further information on how you too could volunteer at the PACE Center for Girls of the Glades or refer a prospective student to the school, please contact Val Murano at 561-996-6008.

## School District receives Healthkeepers Grant

The Safe Schools Center of the School District of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County Health Department have been notified by Tenet Health Care Foundation that they have been awarded a grant to fund their "Healthkeepers" initiative.

Healthkeepers is a monitoring project where fourth and fifth grade students encourage kindergarten and first grade students, whose absenteeism may be affecting their ability to succeed in school, to attend school daily.

Studies show that later schools attendance patterns and scholastic achievement are directly affected by early school behaviors.

This grant will address school whose attendance for kindergarten and first grade are lower than desirable. The joining of these organizations will enable the achievement of these goals.

The Foundation's \$42,000 commitment will allow the Healthkeepers initiative to begin this year and continue into the 1999-2000 school year.

Tenet Healthcare Foundation conducts philanthropic grantmaking on behalf of Tenet Healthcare Corp. and its South Florida hospitals. The majority of its grants are directed to help meet the unmet or underserved healthcare needs in the communities in which the company operates its hospitals and other facilities. Secondly, the foundation makes grants in support of educational, social service, civic and humanities-supporting organizations.

For additional information, contact Eileen Derzinski, Tenet Health Care Foundation at 954-352-3663.

## Social News

### Xi Lota Alpha

In February the Xi Lota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated 1970s theme party at the home of Ken and Rosemary Buchanan on the 20th. Members and guests dressed in fashions popular during that decade including the famous polyester leisure suits. Refreshments included bourguignon and cheese fondues, which several people admitted havinforgotten how good those were. One game was "identify the person" in which the name of a person famous during the time was pinned on a guest's back and he or she had to identify that person through yes and no questions only. Brian Boyd won first-place with "Archie Bunker." Lots of 70s LP's provided the music for the evening. The March regular business meeting was held at the home of Karen McCarthy. After discussing plans for the rest of the sorority year including Founder's Day and the upcoming election of officers, members shared in a program concerning basic computer and Internet use. Everyone agreed practice made perfect, while learning through others was easier than learning with books.

On March 26 the chapter and guests enjoyed a March social at the La Vecchia restaurant in Wellington. After dinner the chapter's Girl of the Year was announced as Rosemary Buchanan. She was presented with the traditional yellow rose, tiara and gift for her service to the chapter.

Members were reminded of the April meeting at Leigh Woodham's as the sorority year begins to draw to a close. Members of the chapter in addition to those above are: Vickie Boyd, Micah Corbin, Irma Goggans, Heather Love, Jeannette Meredith, Debbie Raulerson, Vera Robinson, Bridgette Subramanya, Deborah Williams and Lourdes Zeno.

### Xi Zeta Mu

Xi Zeta Mu held their annual Girl of the Year party in the banquet room of Beefaters in West Palm Beach on Saturday, March 20.

The highlight of the evening came when club sponsor, Jane Evans announced the most deserving Girl of the Year honors to Janise Goforth. Janise is currently completing her second year as club president. She was totally surprised and very honored when Mrs. Evans presented her with a silver bracelet with an engraved charm and a crystal bowl. Karen Corbin, dub recording secretary, presented Janise with the annual Girl of the Year sash. The sisters of Xi Zeta Mu held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 22 in the home of Laverne Motes, who served as hostess for the evening with Sara Phillips as co-hostess. Upon each member's arrival they were entertained with a wall of virtual makeovers of themselves created by Laverne on her computer. Election of officers were held for the upcoming year. They are President Janise Goforth, Vice-president Sandra Chamblee, Recording Secretary Karen Corbin; Corresponding Secretary Linda McMillan; Treasurer Sara Phillips; and Extension Officer Gloria Swager.

Laverne Motes provided an interesting and informative program on the computer including games. Those in attendance were: Florence Acree, Sandra Chamblee, Karen Corbin, Laura Mae Rafagier, Jane Evans, Janise Goforth, Judy McMillan, Linda McMillan, Pat McKee, Laverne Motes, Sara Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr and Greadle York.

## The Heart of Healthcare in the Glades

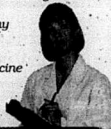
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